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Supply of electric power to South Kanara district.

* 247 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the agreement between the Government of Madras and the Government of Mysore has been completed with regard to the supply of electric power from "Jog Falls" to the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Madras has written a D.O. letter to the Chief Minister of Mysore to expedite the completion of the agreement; and

(*d*) if so, what reply has been received by the Chief Minister of Madras?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"(*a*) & (*b*) The agreement is not yet completed owing to differences regarding the surcharge to be paid by Madras on the agreed rates for power supply.

"(*c*) & (*d*) It is not usual to discuss the contents of D.O. letters. They lose their value if we do so. A revised draft agreement has just come from Mysore and it is being scrutinised in the departments concerned."

11-20 a.m. SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—"Will the Hon. Chief Minister be pleased to convene a conference of the Chief Minister of Mysore and the concerned officials of the Mysore and Madras Governments to finalize the terms of the agreement as was done in the case of the Tungabhadra Project?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"If and when found necessary, the Chief Minister will do it."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—"How many kilowatts of electricity are expected to be produced by harnessing the waters of the Jog Falls and what are the States that are benefited by the Project?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"I do not know how much power is generated at the Jog Falls. But I may say that the Mysore Government have promised to give us 6,000 k.w. of power."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—"Are the Government aware of the feeling of the people of South Kanara that there has been inordinate delay in the matter of concluding these negotiations and will the Government finalize the issues once for all without further delay?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"Water is running from one State to the other. We cannot carry on any useful negotiations in the spirit suggested. We have to go slow and with great patience."